
Subject: Problems on the Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter

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Hi,everybody,

I have got a annoying problem about the implementing the Savitzky-Golay filter to smooth the time series RS data in the IDL. Actually, I know the function of the Savitzky-Golay filter in IDL is SAVGOL. But the question is the result I got is either a horizon line or the same as the original line(In other words, the filter seems not to work at all), when I changed the parameters of the SAVGOL function. (when the DEGREE = NL + NR(PARA OF THE SAVGOL FUNCTION), THE RESULT IS THE SAME AS THE ORIGINAL, OTHERWISE, THE RUSULT IS A HORISON LINE)

My pro is as follows. The class1 to class9 from txt files are the samples of the time series RS data.

Is there sth wrong with my code ? Or the RS data that I used is not appropriate for the Savitzky-Golay filter, and I take a wrong method to smooth data ? I need your suggestions, thanks a lot !

PRO Savgol_example

```
;RESTORE, 'C:\WorkSpace\Default\myPlotTemplate.sav'
rootPath = 'C:\WorkSpace\Default\class'

n = 1 & filename = strarr(9)
for i = 0, 8 do begin

    filename[i] = strjoin([rootPath, strtrim(n, 2), '.txt'])
    n++

endfor
for i = 0,8 do begin

    plotTemplate = ASCII_TEMPLATE(filename[1])
    y1 = READ_ASCII(filename[1], TEMPLATE = plotTemplate, COUNT =
$          count,NUM_RECORDS = 46 )
    x = indgen(46)
    iPlot,x,y1.FIELD1, NAME = 'Original Curve', $
    COLOR=[255, 0, 0], SYM_INDEX = 4, yrange = [0,+8000], VIEW_TITLE =
strmid(filename[1], 21, 6)
    void = ITGETCURRENT(Tool=oTool)
    void = oTool->DoAction('Operations/Insert/Legend')

; savgol
savgolFilter = SAVGOL(2, 2, 0,4)
iPlot,x,CONVOL(y1.FIELD1, savgolFilter), /OVERPLOT, $
COLOR=[0, 0, 255], THICK=2, $
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```
NAME='Savitzky-Golay'  
void = oTool->DoAction('Operations/Insert/LegendItem')  
;SAVE, plotTemplate, FILENAME='C:\WorkSpace\Default  
\myPlotTemplate.sav'
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endfor
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END
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